

# AI for Utilities: Balancing Risk and Reward in Energy Operations

A practical workshop for utility leaders to adopt AI responsibly and effectively.

**Date:** Thursday, February 5, 2026  
**Time:** 9 AM – 1 PM, PT  
**Location:** San Diego Convention Center, CA  
Conference Room 32AB

Join experts from **Idaho National Laboratory (INL)** and industry leaders for a dynamic, facilitated workshop designed to help utilities and energy sector stakeholders navigate the complex landscape of artificial intelligence (AI) adoption. This interactive session combines structured discussion with a hands-on **AI Adoption Workbook** to guide participants in evaluating the benefits, risks, and readiness factors associated with integrating AI into operational environments.

**This four-hour workshop is a special session for participants at DTECH 2026.**

## Participants will:



Explore **real-world use cases** and challenges in AI deployment across the energy sector



Engage in **open dialogue** with peers and facilitators to share insights, barriers, and research needs



Pilot the use of a structured **AI Adoption Workbook** to assess organizational readiness, risk tolerance, and strategic alignment



Leave with **lessons learned** and a clearer understanding of how to move forward with AI responsibly and effectively

Whether your organization is just beginning to explore AI or actively implementing solutions, this workshop offers a collaborative space to **learn, reflect, and plan** for the future of AI in energy operations.

## Registration Information

For more information about the workshop, visit: <https://www.distributech.com/2026-event-schedule/ai-in-action-balancing-risk-and-reward>

To register for DTECH 2026, visit: <https://dtech-2026.reg.buzz/>

